

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Kenai Peninsula Borough



The Kenai Peninsula Borough covers the Kenai Peninsula and reaches across Cook Inlet to include a large unpopulated area northeast of the Alaska Peninsula. The borough's economy is well diversified. The economic foundation includes fishing, seafood processing, tourism, oil and gas, refining, and government. Proximity to and ease of access from Anchorage has encouraged the development of a large visitor industry.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 52,990, a gain of about 3,299 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 57 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 20 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

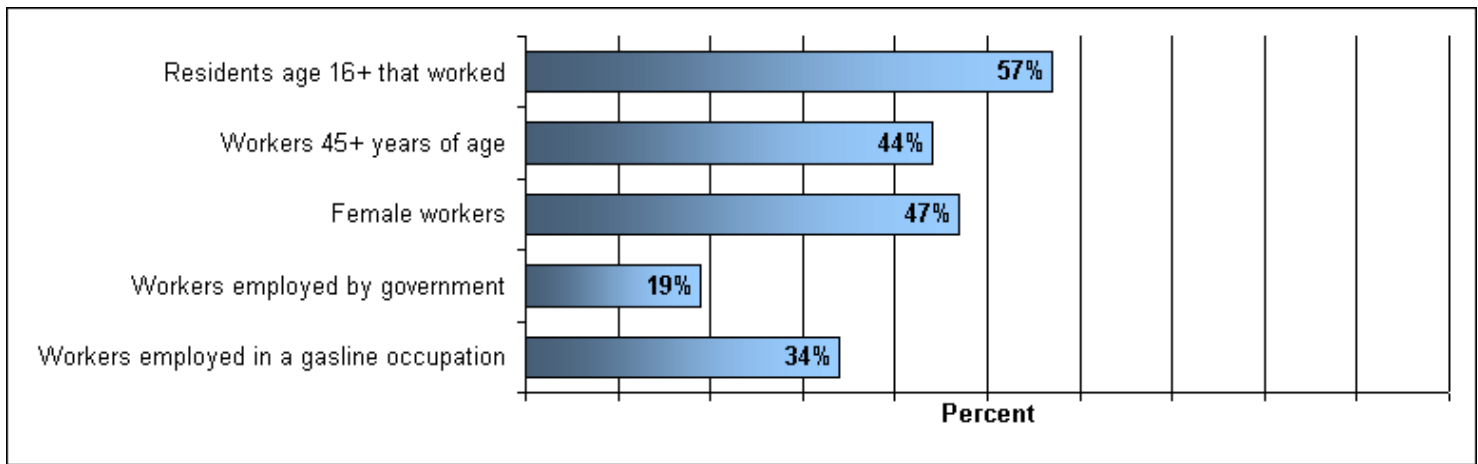
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	40,790	Total wages	\$852,314,624
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	23,360	Private	18,812
Male	12,267	State government	1,303
Female	11,067	Local government	3,245
Age 45+	10,205	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	7,227	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	20,708
		Percent working all 4 quarters	65.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	3,737	Some construction	4,580
		At least 1 year construction	2,510
		At least 2 years construction	1,481
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	16,693
New hires	8,577		

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2008 Residents

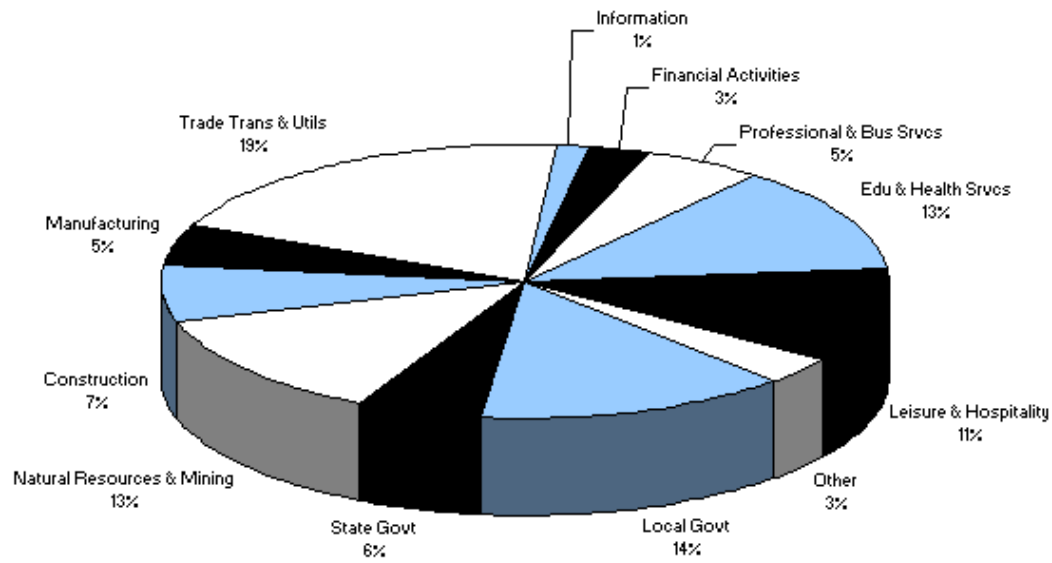


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Retail Salespersons	807	63.0%	229	7.8%	15.8%
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	781	68.5%	353	2.3%	5.2%
Cashiers	573	74.3%	165	4.5%	17.1%
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	559	5.5%	82	11.2%	16.8%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	537	77.4%	169	6.6%	11.7%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	442	14.1%	98	10.8%	24.3%
Home Health Aides	419	81.6%	139	3.7%	5.3%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	401	6.2%	149	12.1%	10.2%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	371	30.5%	67	5.5%	66.3%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	366	85.2%	79	9.1%	27.8%
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	360	50.3%	54	8.3%	21.3%
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	328	90.5%	157	1.7%	10.8%
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	313	0.6%	92	7.9%	15.2%
Waiters and Waitresses	307	89.9%	35	5.4%	30.7%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	305	9.9%	62	8.4%	14.4%
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	300	93.0%	73	3.6%	10.1%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	297	91.6%	112	4.0%	5.9%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	297	70.7%	14	4.6%	20.1%
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	274	5.5%	117	1.8%	11.6%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	257	3.5%	117	4.0%	10.4%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	2,970	7.9%	908	9.1%	18.8%
Construction	1,553	12.8%	469	10.3%	18.7%
Manufacturing	1,070	27.4%	295	5.5%	45.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,656	45.1%	1,360	7.6%	15.5%
Information	305	46.2%	82	9.8%	7.7%
Financial Activities	645	66.0%	165	6.0%	8.0%
Professional and Business Services	1,227	40.9%	440	10.3%	17.4%
Educational and Health Services	2,968	83.2%	984	3.0%	8.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,576	62.5%	438	6.6%	30.6%
State Government	1,303	46.1%	546	9.5%	4.2%
Local Government	3,245	62.3%	1,329	3.1%	4.7%
Other	806	57.4%	208	4.0%	13.0%

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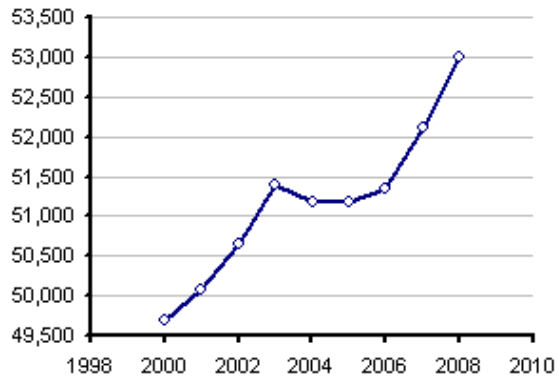
Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	2,388	2,304	1,981	1,746
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	12.5%	11.1%	9.8%	9.8%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Central Peninsula General Hospital
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Safeway Inc
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Peak Oilfield Svc Co
Veco Alaska Inc
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
South Peninsula Hospital Inc

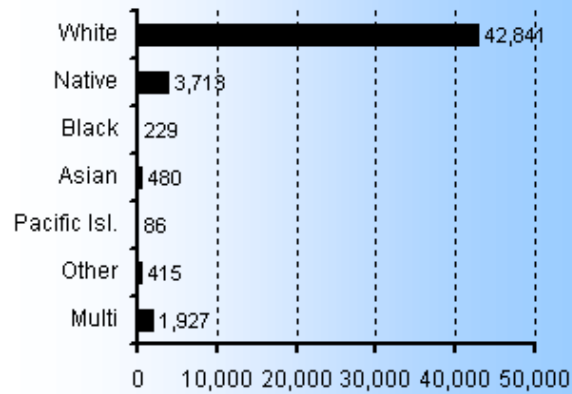
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	36.3
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$20,949
Median Family Income	\$54,106
Median Household Income	\$46,397

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	Contract Average	Adjusted Average	Contract Median	Adjusted Median	Vacancy Rate
All Units	\$713	\$853	\$675	\$800	8.0%

Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$808	\$1,025			
1 Bedroom	\$598	\$727	\$575	\$700	5.6%
2 Bedrooms	\$719	\$912	\$700	\$876	9.8%
3 Bedrooms	\$969	\$1,244	\$950	\$1,235	5.6%
4 Bedrooms	\$972	\$1,235	\$1,000	\$1,313	8.0%

Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$673	\$783			
0 Bedrooms	\$490	\$502	\$450	\$450	2.6%
1 Bedroom	\$609	\$703	\$618	\$685	9.2%
2 Bedrooms	\$685	\$798	\$675	\$782	7.6%
3 Bedrooms	\$789	\$949	\$800	\$897	3.3%

2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	Heating	Hot Water	Cooking
Natural Gas	58.2%	56.1%	29.4%
Oil	26.3%	9.8%	0.0%
Electric	8.4%	31.0%	64.9%
Other	7.2%	3.1%	5.7%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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